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Joe Frisina sworn in as Assessor gives open party.

## 'Brendan Byrne's First Thank You'

Civic Association Scores For  
Next Governor

A crowd of over 1500 people were awaiting Brendan Byrne's arrival in the Grand Ball Room, but before Brendan Byrne joined them, he stopped and thanked every member of the telephone squad personally for their dedication and hard work. He then shook every one's hand and proceeded to the grand ball room, where a crowd of anxious reporters, T.V. Newsmen and supporters were awaiting his arrival and where he later made his victory speech. As far as the ladies of the telephone squad, they reported, "I'm sure, this will be a moment we will remember for a long time, because we were the first ones to shake hands with the next "Governor of the State of New Jersey", Brendan T. Byrne.

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## Guest Editorial

Men are said to be partial judges of themselves. This maybe so. However, the case, I'm going to take it on myself to judge others. I realize that the success of everything is determined by the pooled efforts of each individual involved. However, in most instances there is never a thought given to the factoring process which is very important in reaching the end results. Today I would like to go through that process, starting with the smallest

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## Gibson Reports To The People Notes Progress, Problems And Plans

The Mayor has recently released his Third Annual Report, which comprehensively summarizes his administrations problems and progress over the last three years and outlines plans for the remainder of this tenure.

He emphasized that objectives of his administration have been to live within the cities limited resources, stabilizing our tax rate, running an efficient, honest government and providing for the speedy delivery of basic services or human needs to the cities populace.

While stating that these objectives have to some degree been achieved (the tax rate was not only stabilized but lowered for the first time in seven years), he also expressed personal dissatisfaction for what has not been achieved. This dissatisfaction has prompted him to seek a second term as Mayor of the City of Newark.

In addition to summarizing the successes of these past objectives he provides us with a clear picture of future plans, some resulting from the reorganization of the governmental structure and the establishment of a new unit called the Mayors Planning and Development Office, which will oversee program design under the General Revenue Sharing concept and existing Categorical Federal Grant Programs, leaving only the Manpower and High Impact Programs isolated from this single structured unit.

The report also details the administrations efforts to improve city employee skills and professionalism, thereby improving services to local citizens by offering courses ranging from clerical skills to higher education. Upgrading of employer-employees relations are outlined in the report with a list of recognized employee groups and an outline of negotiation procedures.

In keeping with the Mayor's belief that Newark citizens deserve to have their tax dollars managed wisely and spent honestly, the Mayor has overhauled the City's financial structure. He explains this system (Fiscal Accountability System) also advising that the Budget Message will be in addition to the Operating Budget, contain the Capital Budget, all Federal State funded programs and a formal statement of Departmental Objectives (The formal Budget Message was originated with this administration in 1971).

The Annual Report summarizes the cities relationship (Mayor's Education Task Force) with the Board of Education, and clearly illustrates the fruits this harmonious involvement has borne throughout this administration.

The report also points out several firsts of Mayor Gibson's administration - such as ... the improvement of the Newark Division of Welfare, the improvement and coordination of services to Senior Citizens especially in the field of public transportation. The establishment of two Multi-Service Centers for the Elderly which will consolidate city and private agency services. The Mayor expounds on the progress of Action Now, another first agency with his administration and explains the problems, progress and plans for the Police Department, Fire Department and Court System, Education, Recreation, Health, Environmental Improvements, Housing and Social Services are all reviewed.

The Annual Report is one that cannot be summarized for quick reading without losing much of its worth. Copies of an attractive reprint of the report are available. Citizens should acquire one and read it to know about our progress and problems. We are reprinting some excerpts in this edition.



**CLINTON PLACE BLOCK CLUB**

**Hattie Mae Brown, President**  
**Otis Thomas, Vice President**  
**Isaac Thomas, Jr., Treasurer with Marie Dawson, Michael Evans**  
**and Deborah Wilder, Scholarship Winners.**

## Excerpts From Mayor's Report

Since July 1, 1972, the prime emphasis of my administration has been a continuation of the following: To live within our limited resources; to maximize these resources wherever possible; to make realistic gains in stabilizing our tax rates; to update and maximize the management capability of government; and to improve the delivery of basic services to the citizens of Newark.

In short, we have held the line in our operating expenses: We have increased our general fund; We have reduced the

property tax for the first time since 1966; We have instituted new and improved management practices; And we have expanded and improved our service delivery capability.

As for long range progress, my Administration continued to concentrate its efforts in the following areas: The availability of quality public education for all our citizens; comprehensive quality health care and preventative medicine services; Safe, sufficient and sanitary

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fraction, which we mostly look over, and commend them for a job well done.

Without the foundation laid in the proper manner there can never be finished production. All the credit for this foundation goes to the lowest people on the totem poll. The vote pullers we see on a daily basis. The door knockers we see in sunshine and rainy weather, making the ultimate ends that embody the meaning of life through a more personal relationship, finding through this action, opportunities for classification and comment are opened. Hat's off to the workers, I say.

Now, I address myself to the people in control of the desk holders, I realize that social differences, attitudes and cultural patterns makes individuals different but whether we tone up or down the proposition that faces us should be so valuable to us all that we work with all of our ability for a successful and well finished job. Too many times a good job is not done because the controlling factions feel that they cannot do a demeaning job. A person in control should never take this attitude. We should not, as people did before, divide ourselves into classes but join forces, pool resources and work together apprehensively, cautiously and systematically for a plan to make Newark one of the finest cities that any one has ever lived in.

We have a fine Mayor, who I feel is one of the finest men, I know. His ideology is based upon two rationals, one of thought and the other action. Both of which demands respect and support from all people. But groups of workers should always be aware and keep ever present in their minds that when two armies operate against each other, their individual moves are always centered upon particular objects that are determined by their strategic or tactical situations. They may contend for a particular stretch of country or hill. But the desirability of conquering that stretch of hill must be derived from the strategic or tactical purpose, which is to beat the enemy. Similarly, the first political party is to prevail over others in order to get into power or to stay in it. With this analogy in mind, we should adopt as our aim "togetherness" in work and play.

Our Mayor has announced that he will seek re-election for another four years. Let's remember that division will keep him and us out but togetherness will put him in and consequently all of our citizens will benefit richly from this joint endeavor.

**Johnnie Peterson**  
**Vice President**  
**Kenneth A. Gibson**  
**Civic association &**  
**West Ward Coordinator**



**Meet the Mayor with the Citizens: On the Air.**

# president's pen

We have returned from a glorious trip to the island of Honolulu. We have dined and generally enjoyed ourselves, thanks to the excellent direction and planning of Ike Thomas. Approximately one hundred of our members on the trip were all pleasantly pleased with the enjoyable hospitality and congenial atmosphere of beautiful blue Honolulu, Hawaii.

We are all left with beautiful memories of a relaxing affair — the Get Acquainted Party, held 6/10 at the Eiks Home — the flying fun, onboard our DC 10 Super Jet and the many parties and affairs at the beautiful Waterfront Sheraton Wakiki Hotel, which is said to be the largest hotel on the planet. We were entertained by the fabulous Fifth Dimensions and delighted by a personal performance by trombonist Tommy Young, who entertained us as the Gibson contingency.

We plan future fun, the next recreational activity being our Third Annual Family Picnic, which is outlined in this edition.

Those of us who have returned from our two, perhaps three weeks of leisure must roll up our sleeves for what lies ahead. There are many association jobs to be done.

During our meetings, we have called for members to participate on standing committees, such as, the youth committee, senior citizens committee and our association newsletter. Those volunteering for these jobs have tough tasks ahead of them and I commend them for their courage.

The Association is proud of its community commitments and its record of community performance. We are presently establishing guidelines that will generate even more association involvement with

youth. While we of course have always been responsive to the needs of our senior citizens we are proud to have established a standing committee, that will address itself to these citizens.

In the last association Newsletter, I very generally outlined some background on the Newark situation, I won't reiterate, here, however, I suggest you read excerpts from the Mayors Third Annual Report, which are reprinted in this Edition. I also appeal to all members to tighten belts for the re-election job ahead. There will be those who will try to divide and conquer, let's not be misled or confused, let's maintain a positive opinion regarding what's been done and not react to negative responses.

The Mayor has said "the people built Newark, and the people will rebuild it."

Elton Hill



Civic Association meets and plans for better Newark

## Summer Warnings And Year Round Alert

By Shirley Green

Aside from the picnics, parties, dances, bus rides, cruises and vacation trips, and all those happening events that automatically come with the summer whether,

unfortunately, we all tend to too easily forget about the regrettable side of summer. Children and grown-ups alike in their eagerness to enjoy themselves all too often forget about the act of common courtesy that we all seem to want bestowed on us, but fail to give on many occasions.

### PLEASE GUARD AGAINST:

(1) Letting children ride by bus or scooter in the street.

(2) Leaving your home for more than 1/2 hour without locking the doors and windows;

(3) Check all gas or electrical appliances before leaving your home, especially the iron;

(4) Drive extra careful

while in the city, and remember that the other guy wants to get where he's going in one piece too;

(5) Don't throw candy, ice cream or any kind of food wrappers, chick bones, mellow skins, or soda bottles or cans on the ground or in the street. Remember—you have to live there, and will eventually have to step over it or suffer the consequences of the roaches and rats that most assuredly will fester in your neighborhood;

(6) Be careful while swimming and remember that all water games don't end in laughter, too many of our children have been the victim of drowning because of funny games—



# Scholarships And Talent Search

Talent Search and the Newark Scholarship Fund held a Scholarship Awards Program in the Garden of the Newark Museum on Saturday, August 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. Over 250 scholarship awards were announced, siding Newark youngsters to attend over 30 different colleges in all parts of the country, some as far away as California. Some of the award recipients are young people who had

dropped out of high school, but later, with the guidance of Talent Search counsellors, completed the requirements for the High School Equivalency Certificate. The Mayor Gibson observed, "the Awards Program is an event in which I, as Mayor of Newark, take great pride, both in the staff which has worked so hard and with such dedication to encourage Newark youngsters to continue their

education, and in the students who have worked to qualify for the awards."

The Mayor's Policy and Development Office has received a grant of \$65,000 from the United States Department of Health,

Education and Welfare to continue its Talent Search program and \$112,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community

Affairs to operate the Newark Scholarship Fund-Higher Education Assistance Program. Mayor Gibson stated, "I have made education one of my key priorities over the past three years, and if there is one thing I have learned, it's that there are no simple one shot solutions to the problem of educating our children. Through the use of the Federal dollar, we have strengthened our educational delivery system with a myriad of programs aimed at closing gaps in our school structure. Two of the most successful of these programs have been Talent Search and Higher Education Assistance. I am happy that these programs are continuing.

Talent Search is a segment of our kindergarten to college approach to education. Located in our learning spectrum are programs dealing with pre-schoolers, primary and secondary school education, as well as programs dealing with higher education. Talent Search is a career counselling project serving the City of Newark. Since its inception it has aided a total of 1,300 students in gaining acceptance and obtaining financial aid to attend post secondary schools.

The Higher Education Assistance Program aids students who reside in Newark and who are in need of financial assistance to complete their post secondary education. The program has awarded over six hundred students a maximum of \$500 each in scholarships in the last three and one-half years. The programs dovetail, with the Talent Search program, assisting students to get into post secondary education and the Higher Education Assistance Program aiding students to complete their post secondary efforts."

## CLINTON PLACE BLOCK ASSOCIATION

The Clinton Place-Aldine Block Association, Inc., honored it's High School and Elementary School graduates who live within the boundaries of the Clinton Place-Aldine Block Association, Inc. Tokens of \$75.00 scholarships were presented to the high school graduates and \$25.00 Savings Bonds were presented to the Elementary graduates at the graduation exercises.

The graduates who reside in the Clinton Place-Aldine Block Association, Inc. are: Brown, Banita; Thomas, Martha; Bey, Sharon; Dawson, Marie; Evans, Michael; Wilder, Deborah; Lewis, Robin; Robinson, Sherree Ann; Fountain, James.

Graduation exercises were held at: Weequahock High School-Monday June 18, 1973; Arts High School-Wednesday, June 20, 1973; Chancellor Avenue School-Friday, June 22, 1973; Maple Avenue School-Wednesday, June 20, 1973.

Presentations were made by Mrs. Hattie Brown, President of the C.P.B.A. or her representative.

The students, residents and patrons of the Clinton Place-Aldine Block Association, Inc. for made these presentations possible.



## Mayor Men Help Field Day

RON TUFF Civic Association Youth Chairman helped stage a 2 day Sportorama by the Newark Jaycees and the Central Ward Athletic Club. Ron and Rich Rogers are both members of the Civic Association and the Newark Jaycees. The events were held on 2 Saturdays. Mayor Gibson helped by presenting medals

to some of the winners. The Sportorama was planned by George Branch and his Athletic Club at the West Side High School Field with the cooperation of Newark Merchants and the Jaycees. Pictured are RON TUFF signing up young people for events, the start of one race and the finish of another race.



Mayor Gibson invited Councilmen and Department heads to tour the following: Neighborhood Youth Corps Clean-up Sites

Demolition Sites Abandoned Building Sites The tour was designed to show the participants the job being done in these areas.



"the People built Newark ..." Private efforts like this triggered by the spirit of rebuilding and Pride encouraged by Mayor Gibson are essential to the New Newark.

## rumor's end

"This administration is tired of having a city plagued by rumors," Mayor Gibson said, when he announced the new "Rumor Control Operation," which is to be operated by Newark Human Rights Commission. "Personally, I have no use for practical jokers, and an incalculable disdain for jokers who spread rumors which could bring harm to life, limb and property. A disproportionate amount of the Newark Police Forces and the Newark Human Rights Commission's time is spent curtailing possible disorders which grew out of rumors which people have picked-up and to which they reacted. The only course we can follow is to develop a mechanism for searching-out rumors and thoroughly squashing them into the ground," Gibson said.

"The most essential function of the 'Rumor Control Operation' will be to provide accurate information to support decision-making. This requires the capability to communicate rapidly with all relevant sources procedures and facilities have been

carefully planned, designed and set-up with this objective in mind," Gibson added.

"When an emergency is building up or occurs, additional staff members will be called into the operation. The Newark Human Rights Commission 'Rumor Control Operation' will provide a central emergency action facility for the citizens of Newark, this way emergency actions are coordinated to make best use of resources within the administration and the community," Blue said.

A typical written message will move quickly through the "Rumor Control Operation." "As information is received, it will be recorded," said Blue, "and passed immediately to the supervisor for analysis."

"The supervisor will assign follow-up action or verifies it, if necessary, and if the message is urgent, direct it to the Executive Director. In either case, the written message is introduced into the normal information flow records. This kind of informational flow will work well, even under a heavy crisis workload," Blue added.

Bessie G. Hicks, Chief Community Relations Specialist, said, "all information collected will be recorded on a single uncomplicated collection worksheet."

Mrs. Hicks stated, "that 'Special Phones' have been set aside for receiving rumors between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Additionally, we are working on an all hour system." The numbers are 733-8066 and 733-8067.

"It would be a fine thing for community groups to become involved in the operation of our center by coming in, call or writing us. I am looking forward to total community involvement," Blue concluded.

## EAST WARD REPORT

### OF THE PEOPLE

Face Lift for Elizabeth Avenue Community Center

The Elizabeth Avenue Community Center located at 64 Elizabeth Ave., has been in receipt of a grant to renovate front and inside of the storefront in which the center which was established in November, 1968 by the East Ward Social & Civic Association. The Center provides Pre-School for 30 children within the Elizabeth and Sherman Ave. area, plus

Civic Improvement and Leadership development courses for adults. The East Ward branch of the Gibson Association wishes them well and ask that they KEEP ON PUSHING.

### BY THE PEOPLE

Tichenor Street/Organizes for Lot Clean Up

Mr. Daniel Webster, District Leader for the 13th district of the East Ward, stated that residents of the Tichenor area have started to organize a

campaign to clean up a vacant lot at 102 Tichenor Street, and the surrounding area. Representatives of the Gibson Association have contacted Mr. Armand Lembo to level off the ground and are helping by getting grass seeds and recreation equipment donated for the lot.

Webster stated that he is also concerned about a two abandoned house located on the 94 and 98 Tichenor Street, representatives of the association are working to see what can be done with the two houses.

# SOUTH WARD REPORT

More than one hundred (100) members of the South Ward Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association turned out as Challengers and Workers for "Byrne for Governor" on primary day, June 6, 1973.

Although the voter turnout was light, a great deal of confusion was created by others, hostile and detrimental to the well-being of our Standard Bearer, namely, Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson.

The Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association can be very proud of its sixty or more Sub-Area Coordinators and Captains covering vital sections of the entire South Ward. They are 'doing their thing' in helping to improve their neighborhoods. The complaints coming into the coordinator's headquarters are enormous.

Let it be known that Mr. John Harvard, Coordinator,

has met with Mr. Elton E. Hill, Assistant Business Administrator for the City of Newark, and has registered all complaints that were forwarded to him, plus the survey accounting that was taken by key people.

Mr. Harvard has stressed the fact that there should be more enforcement of the laws on the books, regarding: Police matters, Sanitation, Housing, and Health Problems. Mr. Hill has assured him that he will take care of the matter.

There seems to be a conspiracy on the part of others to make The Mayor look bad for the remainder of his elected term. ...BUT...just look around your own doors and you can see that the ones who care are SPRUCING UP.

There are some District Leaders (Democrat and Republicans) who have pledged their support for

OUR Mayor. There are some District Leaders, as well as homeowners, who have acquired benefits from the so-called controversial Federal Assisted Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.) program. A program that hardly moved until the Gibson Administration came into office. So quit rocking the boat that's bringing you over, because if the other forces had remained in office, thousands of us would not be in Newark today.

We, who are loyal and dedicated, shall keep the faith, and we shall OVERCOME. Right On! Right On! Right On!

John Harvard  
Rosalyn Alexander  
Isaac Thomas  
South Ward Coordinators  
Kenneth A. Gibson  
Civic Association



## Empty Lots - Clean Up

The \$50.00 Reward Program has helped prevent dumping through the City this summer.

Mayor Gibson is pictured with one of the signs which were erected on vacant lots. A survey shows that where ever the signs are dumping is decreased.

Action now reports on the average twenty to thirty calls are processed every month and furthermore the signs themselves are serving as a deterrent.

## FOR THE PEOPLE

### East Ward Dayton Street Area

Through the efforts of Elton E. Hill and Francis J. Spears, Director Caulfield has donated boxing equipment to the Spoilers A.C. Boxing Club. In his youth Director Caulfield was a promising ball player and encourages all Fire Department employees to stay in shape, they may use this equipment.

The facilities located at 960 Frelinghuysen Ave. is being sponsored by Lawrence Wallace, proprietor of Dreamland Lounge—planning it's grand opening in the near future—

Managing the 37 aspiring boxers from the Dayton Street area will be, Harry Moore, Ptl. Jones, Ptl. McCray, Richie Moore, Leslie Moore, and Robert George.

Anyone in the area who might be interested contact Mr. Lawrence Wallace, Dreamland Lounge, 955 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, N.J.

## Senior Citizen Transportation Program

Mayor Gibson signed a co-operating agreement between the Department of Health and Welfare and the Mayor's Policy and Development Office to operate the Senior Citizens Transportation Project. The Mayor observed, "Accessibility to health and social service resources is a serious problem for the thousands and elderly persons, as well as the handicapped and medically disabled, in our city. The use of federal Planned Variations grant monies to deal with this problem is another example of using federal funds effectively to improve and expand the delivery of services to Newark's people."

Explaining the program further, he reported, "Two hundred thirty thousand dollars of Planned Variations funds, provided by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, has been allocated for the project's first year of operation, to cover salaries and equipment, including ten specially equipped 16 passenger mini-buses. Under the overall guidance of James A. Buford, Director of Health and Welfare, regularly scheduled transportation services will be provided for the elderly and disabled throughout the city. The project was planned by the MPDO staff with the Citizens Advisory Board, and approved by the City Council, as part of the First Year Planned Variations package. The design of the program calls for close coordination with health facilities, social services and community organizations in order to identify those who

require the service."

This project has been designed in such a way that after the initial funding with a federal grant, it can become at least partly self-sustaining on an ongoing basis, requiring minimum input from additional city or HUD funds. In this case, Medicaid and other federal and state programs will be sources of reimbursement for services involving health centers and agencies serving the handicapped.

Under the auspices of this new program, more than 500 senior citizens from the various senior citizen centers in the city travel by charter buses to Old Evergreen Lodge in Springfield, New Jersey, where they enjoyed a picnic, games and entertainment.

## Extra Hours At Human Rights

During the summer of 1973 The Newark Human Rights Commission implemented their delayed summer schedules. Human Rights staff members were assigned to work on a daily basis from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Daniel W. Blue, Jr., Executive Director stated that "this summer operation is plugged into the fire and police community relations bureau of the city in an effort to provide education of effort in responding to the needs of the community. Blue went on to say, "as times change, there seem to be a demand for official city actions to be performed beyond 4 p.m. Mr. Blue stated that this type of scheduling is also necessary in reducing community tension and will be valuable in controlling rumors that often lead to fear, unrest and mistrust.

The delayed summer schedules was designed to enable the Newark Human Rights Commission to be on top of any potential disturbance that may occur in

the city of Newark on a continuous basis.

Mrs. Bessie Hicks, chief community relations specialist is coordinating these summer schedules which will conclude September 4, 1973. Mrs. Hicks stated "staff will be available between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. at 733-8665 or 733-3850 as well as the regular duty hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to extend these services in the area of Human Rights for the citizens of Newark.

According to Mayor Gibson, "these delayed schedules put into effect by the Newark Human Rights Commission will offer all community groups and citizens to have a direct entry into the Mayor's office and will provide direct information to him at all times. Mayor Gibson further stated that he is "talking on the local community for involvement and hopefully those groups who advocate community harmony will respond to this extended service so that Newark may once again have a "Cook Summer."

## Mayor Endorses Festival

Newark's Ironbound Stadium held the biggest affair of its history on June 30th. The life of the affair was "Summer '73." The festival which began at 10 a.m. presented sports events, a fashion show and lively rides to end at 10 p.m. with a

musical concert featuring such performers as Melba Moore, Mandrill, Timothy Wilson and others. The festival was endorsed by Mayor Kenneth Gibson in conjunction with the Urban Strategies Association (U.S.A.) and Bob Law of station WWRL and Elliot Moskowitz of station WHUR. The Mayor's objectives in sponsoring this first of two festivals planned for the summer, was to provide the youth of Newark with some recreational activities, and to try and compensate for the Federal cutback of funds to Newark. By using the proceeds from the festival for summer jobs for the youth.

The people involved with producing this festival have asserted that it was a success.

## Letters

Dear Editor:

I was delighted to meet with your reporter, Mrs. Collier, to talk about how Maryland Center relates to the Greater Newark Community.

Martland is the primary teaching hospital of the New Jersey Medical School; but equally important, it is a community hospital serving the health needs of the

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A Newark first - For the first time in the history of the City of Newark the city and county have combined efforts to bring recreation and entertainment to thousands of city-bound vacationing youth. Through a combination of efforts of Mayor Gibson's Park and Recreation Director, Nathaniel Washington, Freeholder, Donald Payne, County Coordinator, Benjamin Schaeffer and City Supervisor of Music, James Orange, several summer park festivals have been arranged.

The last festival was held, Sunday August 19th at West Side Park and featured internationally known recording star and actress Dee Dee Warwick, Professor Alex Bradford and Singers and Jazz greats Jackie Vardella and Gracian Moncur III. The festival was well received with over 10 thousand in attendance. Freeholder Donald Payne spoke briefly, stressing that success in the field of entertainment requires hard work and diligent studying and urged those interested youth stay in school to fulfill their objectives, he also complimented the City and County for their cooperation in making these summer events possible. Though the August 19th festival was coordinated and produced by Music Supervisor James Orange and his staff, the next scheduled

festival will be coordinated by the County under the direction of Benjamin Schaeffer.

The closing summer extra-

vengeance will be held September 8th, arrangements have not been finalized on its location, however, it will be held in



## Summer Festival '73 June 30

would become a joint effort bringing the forces of the disc-jockeys together with the Departments of Recreation and Public Information to make the festival a reality.

The first festival was scheduled for June 30th at the Ironbound Recreation Center.

Many popular professionals as well as local talented people donated their time and talents. The talent scheduled to appear was as follows:

Melba Moore, Mandrill,

Jimmy Castor Bunch, The Fatback Band, The Soul Generation, Edwin Birdsong, Timothy Wilson, The Midnight Movers, The Family Circle and many others.

Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson stated, "These festivals are designed to create recreational activities for our youth. We hope that the residents of the City as well as the business community will support them. It is only by concerned people such as those who are involved along with others, that the

Newark. This production, which will be solely a City sponsored affair, will consist of young talent from those participating in the City's Music Program. This talent has been coached and trained by the city's music staff and will consist of approximately twenty different groups. Besides the traditional singers there will be dancers, modeling bands and poetry. Although the program has been formed for the September 8th affair, anyone interested in becoming a part of the City Music Program may still do so by registering at one of the six following centers: 1. JFK Pool, 211 West Kinney St., 2-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, contact: Mr. Dandridge or Mr. Tally, 733-8550; 2. Morris Ave. Pool, 281 Morris Ave., 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, contact: Mr. Rogers, 733-6553; 3. Hayes Pool, 25 Wyndell St., 9-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, contact: Mr. Marsh, 733-2654; 4. Ironbound Stadium, 26 St. Charles Street, 8-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, contact: Mr. Baker, 733-2707; 5. Wilson Ave. Pool, 122 Patterson Ave., 9-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, contact: Mr. Williams, 6. Bureau of Parks and Grounds, 1 Lincoln Ave., 9-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, contact: Mr. Orange, 733-6324.

Mr. Orange has said the only requirements for joining the program, is that one be a resident of Newark and interested in the arts.

City of Newark will become NEWARK PLUS, again urge everyone to support and join us at this worthwhile event. The disc-jockeys involved are Gary Bird, Hank Spann, Jay Jay, Samuel, Dixon, Bobby Jay and Elliot Moskowitz.

Many agencies and departments have done more than their fair share to promote the festival.

Proceeds from the Festival will be used to create activities of recreation for the Youth of Newark.

## Open Letter

Our Administration is certainly not insensitive to the needs and desires of people. At the same time, our Administration is intelligent enough to determine the difference between a demonstration which is organized for the purpose of helping the people and a demonstration which is organized to increase the political base of certain politicians. This demonstration was clearly organized to embarrass the administration.

However, it is not the embarrassment of the administration which is at stake in such demonstrations, but the safety of innocent people which must be considered first and foremost. Any political leader who would lead followers comprised of women and children into such a chaotic situation is certainly not acting in their best interest.

This mistake is compounded by the fact that there were alternate means available to the leaders of the demonstration to accomplish the same goal. We have offices in Newark such as Action Now, the Human Rights Commission and various departments and agencies which are responsible for giving proper service to the people of Newark. We have handled literally thousands of complaints to the satisfaction of the people making these complaints through Action Now offices located in every Ward.

If our administration wasn't doing all within its power to improve services such as street cleaning, garbage collections, the boarding-up of abandoned houses, tearing-downs dangerous structures and thoroughly cleaning the city, I could see the need for a demonstration to dramatically point out the fact that we were not working. This is not the case.

In any business, the right to demonstrate for what one believes to be the truth is the right of every citizen. It is not for me to attempt to interfere with this right in any way.

However, it is my responsibility to warn political leaders, elected or not, that there is a built-in danger in designing demonstrations which have the potential for violent confrontation.

In an effort to show the people of the Central and South Wards, the areas where the problem of clean-up is more acute, I recently conducted a tour with members of the City Council to show the efforts being made by our administration, Councilman Westbrook saw the riots being cleaned. He also abandoned buildings being boarded-up and torn down.

Councilman Westbrook was my guest on a television program where we discussed the total plan for our clean-up project in Newark.

More recently, we discussed the entire spectrum of clean-up in Newark with the Director of Public Works and two citizens on television.

Newark's citizens need better services. They do not need to be moved around like so many political pawns. The responsibility for giving services to the people of Newark has been heard and corrected. They should not be led down avenues which can lead to violent confrontation.

Our Citizens have a part of building this city. They should not be led to think that throwing garbage is a solution.

Newark is going to be a better place to live and the political activities of Councilman Dennis Westbrook and Senator Amiri Barksa cannot be allowed to keep this. I will work with these men, or any other citizens, for the purpose of positive change, but this administration will not be intimidated by threats to have a fair for the dramatic.





Mayor Gibson helps Honor Roberto Clemente at Rededication of Summer Ave. School to Roberto Clemente School.

## Gibson Helps Delay PATH Fare Hike

In a letter sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson expressed opposition for the proposed fare increase on the PATH line and requested a delay in the hike until hearings can be held. Mayor Gibson's main opposition to the increase from 30¢ to 50¢ is because of the adverse economic and environmental effects which will result.

The reasons as stated in Mayor Gibson's letter are summarized as follows:

"PATH is the keystone of the mass transit system of Northern New Jersey and New York City, linking suburban residents with the cities via bus-PATH and rail-PATH commuting."

"The region's commuter railroads and feeder bus routes, already in grave

financial difficulty, may well suffer ridership decreases because of their dependence on PATH."

"The proposed increase will hurt the precarious economic balance of Newark. The proposed fare increase would severely inconvenience these workers, and jeopardize the economic stability of Newark. This would be an unfair burden upon Newark residents."

"The increase would reduce the already limited mobility of the urban poor."

"The proposed fare increase would contribute to further deterioration of the environment and would violate provisions of both the 1970 Clean Air Act and the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act."

## Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson On Council's "Concerns"

When I read some of the criticisms being leveled by the City Council, I could not help but wonder to myself, "Is this trip really necessary?"

However, be that as it may, we are glad that the Municipal Council is now concerned with the level of services because we have worked - days and sometimes nights for the last three years trying to improve these services.

Since it is such a mammoth task, I would be the last one to reject the help of the City Council in any positive efforts to improve services. However, this will not be accomplished by idle finger-pointing.

I completely welcome the residents of the city to come to City Hall to make any complaints they choose to about the lack of services. They elected me to provide these services for them and it is my responsibility to supervise this Administration in such a way as to provide those services.

In fact, we encourage residents of the City who have concerns of suggestions to come to City Hall anytime in order to receive proper consideration or services. However, if we are to be of help to the citizens of Newark, I would just ask the people who come to be prepared to make specific allegations rather than general attacks. If a citizen's bulk garbage was not picked-up, tell us the day, the place and who was contacted to try and get it picked up. With this kind of information, we can do something positive about solving these problems.

I have asked Action Now employees and additional staff to take all complaints. Moreover, we follow-up on these complaints and contact the complainant as to what we have done. In this process, the various directors and agency heads have become more keenly aware of the problems of Newark citizens and able to take

those actions necessary to correct those problems. This, to my way of thinking, is far more positive than investigating men who are working very hard at their jobs.

There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the City Council should have a keen interest in contracts and agreements with municipal employees. Since these agreements are a matter of public record, they have always been at the Council's disposal. They need not be subpoenaed. I would remind those Councilmen who are concerned about a day's work for a day's pay that one of the first things this Administration attempted to do was increase the number of hours City employees were required to work. This was eventually defeated. The Administration lost a court decision and we were not allowed the administrative judgement of increasing the work day.

Each of the City Councilmen is well aware of the job security people on Civil Service have whether they work or not. I would join with anybody who could solve the problem of giving people job security and yet, at the same time be able to demand a day's work for a day's pay and have the Administrative muscle to enforce this position. One could literally become involved in a full-scale hearing for any Civil Service Employee who did not perform his work and was fired for that reason.

This is in no way an attack on nearly 7,000 employees because the vast majority do their job and it is the 'shirkers' that make their job more difficult. I am talking about the 'shirkers'.

While we certainly agree it is not the Council's job to be administrators, we do feel that there must be sincere and honest effort on the part of all parties in order to assure smooth operation and a clear delivery of services to Newark citizens.

## FOR THE PEOPLE

### Picnic Planned For Exceptional Children

In the City of Newark there are approximately 80,000 youngsters. These youngsters are the future generation, the ones that will one day perhaps run our City. However, there are some youngsters who will never have that opportunity because of various physical and/or mental handicaps. Some of these youngsters may never know or be in a position to enjoy the basic, simple things in life such as picnics, dances, dates, ballgames, etc. Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson has often

spoke of the "quality of Life" items of which some of these kids in our City may never enjoy.

The Mayor's Association in an effort to bring a small share of enjoyment to these kids in Newark is planning a picnic for retarded children to be held at Branch Brook Park in Newark. Though we'll aware that this is by no means a panacea for their problems but, it is just our way of saying they are not forgotten.



## Aloha!

One Sunday morning in July members of the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association assembled at the Central Ward Boys Club, Avon Avenue to board buses for a trip to JFK Airport: there they employed a DC10 super jet seating 250 passengers for a vacation stay in Hawaii, Honolulu from July 22 through July 29, 1973.

The group leader, like Thomas and his co-chairman, Samuel Upshaw stated that the four members stayed at the Beautiful Waterfront

Sheraton Wakiki Hotel.

Elton Hill, President of the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association, who was also on the trip, stated that "The Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association is planning other social and civic activities in the future.

All citizens of Newark are invited to participate in any endeavor that the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association may undertake.

This trip was reported as a great success by those on the trip for a number of

reasons: price, climate, food and entertainment. The \$400.00 package was an exceptional bargain thanks to Danny Williams and Ike Thomas who secured 1st class accommodations at regular moderate cost.

"The food was out of sight plus you could eat all you want" reported one well known newmarker who shows evidence by fondness for a well balanced diet. Others described the trip as "terrific scenery" "wonderful..."

Again, we are very happy with the Mobile Units and we are sure others feel the same.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fannie Morgan, Pres.  
Emmet St. Block Assoc.

Mrs. Nolene Martin, Pres.  
Wright St. Block Assoc.

Crescent Ave. Block  
Association:  
President: N. Roland

Mr. John Howard,

Knowing that I will not be able to attend this Thursday's meeting, due to my working hours, I send this letter intine for discussions and answers.

1st - Removal of abandon cars on Crescent Ave. Street.

2nd - Cars ON SIDE WALK near gas-station and cluttered up with cars causing Crescent Ave. to look very bad.

3rd - What can be done about these Minni Bike in the street and on the SIDE WALKS. The noise is intolerable, and dangerous for small children & grown ups on side walk. Some people work nights and afternoons,

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Newark community.

It is especially encouraging to me that an organization such as yours is demonstrating interest in learning more about the facilities and services at Martland. We need to strengthen our ties with the community, and the best way, I feel, is for us to develop on-going relationships with community groups such as the Seventeenth Street Block Organization.

We would be pleased to welcome any of your membership who would like to participate in Martland's Auxiliary or Volunteers-groups comprising community people who give their free time to further health care programs of the hospital and make our patients more comfortable during their stay with us.

Thank you again for coming to see me. I hope that the interview with Mrs. Collier is useful to you in explaining Martland's role to your

membership. Please come back and see us again and think about how your organization can join with us to help make Martland the best hospital in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Florence S. Gaynor,  
Executive Director

New Jersey Medical School  
Teaching Hospitals

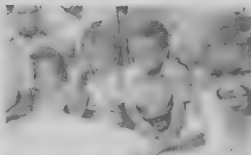
Dear Mayor Gibson:

We the residents of the Emmet & Wright Streets Block Association would like to express to you how grateful we are to you and the City of Newark for the Mobile Units you have for the Summer Programs.

The Adults and the Children have enjoyed the units that have come to the Emmet Street Playstreet Program. They have been both entertaining and enjoyable.

It is our hope and wish that these units will be available for use during the entire year, by request, of course, for Block Club affairs or just for a Day of Fun.

# Summer Block Activities



There are more active block clubs all over our city this summer than ever before, since the Community Organization Division of the Mayor's Policy and Development Office has expanded its activities city-wide. Community Organization Director, Clarence Coggins said some of the newly organized groups are

North 5th Street Block Club - President Mrs. Gertrude Brown - 602 No 5th Street

North 8th Street Block Club - President, Mrs. Catherine Glee - 604 No 8th Street

Mt. Pleasant Block Club Association - President, Mrs. Josie Bradford - 254 Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Tenants Association - President Mrs. Norma McMillan - 100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue

Chestnut Street Block Club - Mrs. Ruth Moody - 38 Chestnut Street

Thomas Street Block Club - Mrs. Kristine Sawyer - 40 Thomas Street

Tichenor Street Block Club - President Mrs. Josephine Jinks - 49 Tichenor Street.

Badger Avenue Block Club - Mrs. Mary Vergies - 366 Badger Avenue.

Ridgewood Avenue Block Club - Yvonne Williams - 37 Ridgewood Avenue

Blum Street Block Club - Anna Cox - 37 Blum Street

Clinton Community Corp - Mr. Joseph Callaway 398 Clinton Avenue

5th Street Block Club - Mrs. Martha Gaynor - 23 5th Street

The new as well as the old block clubs have made the summer a safer and happier one for the children and adults on their blocks organizing activities on their own and utilizing the summer programs the city has made available to them such as play streets, Sun-Up

Food Program, and bus rides, films shown by Fire Department etc. The Emmet and Wright Street Block Associations, for example have supervised play activities for the children daily, on a closed off "Play Street," with regular visits by Mobile units (skatemobile, bike mobile, etc) and food provided through the Sun-Up Program and served by block club volunteers Mrs. Fannie Morgan and Mrs. Nolene Martin. Presidents of the two clubs which work closely together, sent the following letter to Mayor Gibson expressing their pleasure with the summer programs

Some other block parties were

August 25. So 20th Street Invaders Mrs. Essie Binion Pres. Mr. Pleasant Ave between Clark & Governor Sts. Littleton Ave & So 8th St Mrs. Bennie Ward Pres So 16th St, between 15-16 Aves

August 31 Ridgewood Ave Block Club, Mrs.

Yvonne Williams Pres

Sept 1 Myrtle Avenue Mr. Emerson Mungin Pres Emmet & Wright Sts Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Morgan So 7th Street bet 11th & 12th Aves. Mr. Edward Loftin Pres Mt. Pleasant Tenants Assn 100 Mt. Pleasant Ave

Sept 2 Mapes Ave Block Club picnic, Thomas St Block Party

The block clubs of course do much more than have fun. Among other things they help improve the neighborhood by organizing to keep the streets clean and conducting special clean-ups from time to time with the cooperation of the Sanitation Division, which sends trucks to pick up their bulk debris, when advance arrangements are made. They report abandoned buildings and dirty lots on their blocks. Much of this information is channeled through the citywide organization to which most of the blocks clubs belong —

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## BLOCK ACTIVITIES

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the Newark Block Club Council, whose president is Collins Green.

Many bus trips were arranged through the Milt Campbell Association and the Recreation Department. On August 21 the Thomas Street Club took bus loads of children to Lake Hopatcong. On August 16, the No. Fifth Street Block Club enjoyed a bus trip to Rockaway Beach. Tichenor Street went to Lake Hopatcong on July 23. Other Block Clubs that participated in bus trips were, So. 8th Street Block, So. 11th Street, So. 12th Street, So. 19th Street, Roseville Avenue, Jelliff Avenue, Seymour Avenue, So. 19th Street (Central Ward), Fairmount Avenue block Club went to Coney Island on August 18.

Thomas Street held a cook-out sale to help the

clubs activities, on August 12.

On September 2, the Magnolia & Bergen Street Block Club will bring its summer activities to a grand close with an awards ceremony, presenting the children who participated in the summer program with awards for their achievements.

It has become traditional for clubs to climax their summer activities with a block party. On Saturday, August 18, Mayor Gibson was guest at the party given by the Schuyler Avenue Landlord and Tenants Association, Mr. George Clark, President. Also, in attendance were Councilmen Earl Harris, & Sharpe James, and Community Organization Director, Clarence Coggins.

On August 25, the Mayor visited block parties on So. 12th Street, between Central and 8th Avenues. (Mr.

William Steward, President). So. 16th Street, between 14th & 15th Avenues, and Van Ness Place (Mrs. Kollock, President.)

Mrs. Lonis Dingus, President of the So. 19th Street Block Club (bet. 14th & 16th Aves.) who has been conducting summer activities for the children on her block for the past three years, climaxed the summer with a block party on Friday, August 24. Clyde Alexander, of So. 15th Street Block Club between So. Orange & 14th Avenues, led his block club in a gala affair, Saturday, August 25. Mr. Alexander, a postal employee, has for years devoted much of his free time to leading the youngsters of his neighborhood in wholesome and enjoyable activities.

North Fifth Street also had its block party on August 25, at Firemen's Park, No. 5th Street and Delavan Avenue.

## East Ward Report

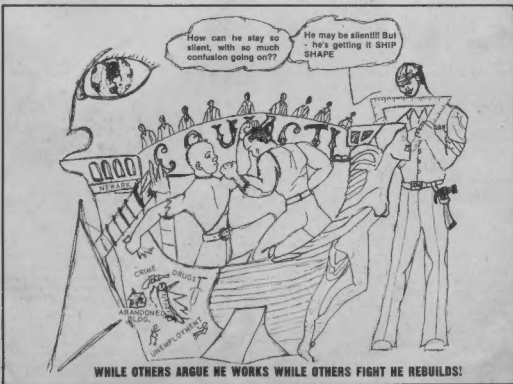
from Operation Ironbound UCC Neighborhood Center No. 5

43 Merchant St.  
Alicia E. Beaman  
Center Director  
and  
John Pasjuele,  
President

Summer program will operate from River Bank Park. The program will consist of arts & crafts, games, trips, softball & kick ball, tennis and lunches. The hours are from 9-3 Mon. Thur. Friday.

Activities at the center on Merchant St. are Karate on Mon. & Thurs. 6-9. Piano Lesson on Thurs. from 1-3 p.m. on photography class on Thurs. 6-9 come and learn about taking pictures and developing them.

To get into your bathing suit come out to Weight Watchers on Tues. nites 6-30 to 9 p.m. at 43 Merchant St.



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we have two people on this Block with serious heart conditions; some others nerves are very bad and have to rest in quiet. We have called the police, the police did drive through our block, but the children bring bikes right back on the street again. Parents are impossible to speak to about this problem. They have no concern for others.

Please send me literature on what you want me to do; and advice to the above and front part of this letter on how to dissolve this matter.

Thank You

Mr. Nathaniel Roland

Dear Councilman

Westbrook:

It is urgent that the TWO of us meet to discuss your complaints of inadequate city services to the Central Ward residents. I have scheduled this meeting for Monday, August 20, at 3 p.m. in my office. If this is inconvenient for you, please contact my secretary to arrange for a date when you can attend.

At this meeting I will be prepared to discuss and accept SPECIFIC locations where you would like us to take action and I promise that action will be taken.

I would suggest that, depending on the number of specific locations you present to me, a reasonable time be agreed upon to allow the proper city departments to act on the problems.

After that time (I would suggest 45 days) YOU and I could report to the Central Ward community at a public meeting IN the Central Ward, possibly at West Kinney Junior High School. It is important that you understand that at the public meeting there should be only two speakers, the Central Ward Councilman and the Mayor. I will have staff members present at that public meeting to take any additional complaints that the residents may have.

The plan I have outlined allows for positive action without confrontation. I hope you will accept my offer and refrain from leading any more demonstrations or

calls which may lead to more violence.

Very truly yours,  
Kenneth A. Gibson  
Mayor

1. City owned property at the corner of Shaw Avenue & Dewey Street needs to be cleaned off. We need grass seed, so as to grow grass on this lot.

2. Bus stop at the corner of Lyons Avenue and Dewey Street needs to be marked off. Dewey Street is a one way street going into Lyons Avenue and people are parking their cars right up to the corner on Lyons Avenue, this creates a safety and traffic hazard.

3. People living at 184 Hobson Street have straw garbage in between our garage and we would like to have that cleaned up. This to us is a health hazard. The landlord does not live at the above address we are told.

4. We would also like to see new street signs up in our area, the same as in the Central Ward.

5. Our block association has requested Help Keep Our Block Clean signs quite a few months ago. As of today we have received no answer.

6. "The city street sweepers in the course of cleaning our street is putting down more and more than they are picking up. Please help us eliminate this problem.

The Dewey Street Block

Association

Jerome Matthews

President

### Corrective Measures To Improve The Community

1. So. 17th St. School has no stop sign on 19th Ave. & 17th St. When children are coming home from school, there is no cross walk guard there to assist the children across the street.

2. There is no City trash can on So. 18th St. near Springfield Ave.

3. On So. 17th Street and 19th Ave. there is no stop sign or traffic light on these corners. Many accidents occur at this particular site.

4. So. 15th St and 19th Ave. is another site where

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

# Poll: McG Would Be A Winner Today

A nationwide poll conducted for NBC News estimates that Sen. McGovern (D-S.D.) would defeat President Nixon by 51 per cent to 49 per cent if last year's Presidential election were held today.

In the 1972 election, Nixon captured 61 percent of the popular vote.

Results of the poll, taken by Oliver Quayle & Co., were broadcast yesterday during a special "NBC Reports" program on the impact of Watergate.

According to the poll, the overall rating for Nixon's handling of the Presidency has slipped 23 points since last October.

The latest Gallup Poll, meanwhile, reports that Nixon's popularity has fallen to the lowest point for any American President in more than 20 years.

The results show that 31 per cent of the American people approve of the way Nixon is handling his job. That represents a drop of 9 percentage points in four weeks, and 37 points since Nixon was inaugurated for his second term last January.

## FROM THE MANPOWER SCENE

# UCC'S Trustees Retained

A slate of four candidates proposed by the nominating committee of the United Community Corporation, Newark's antipoverty agency, was elected to U.C.C.'s board of trustee's.

Elected to the board along with Rev. Grant were Eugene Campbell, principal of Marcus Garvey School; Miguel Rodriguez a former Essex County freerider candidate, and Mrs.

Josephine Goodman.

More than 400 persons turned out at Mt. Clavary Church, 1035 Broad Street, for U.C.C.'s annual meeting, where each year elections are held for four community seats on the trustee board.

Before the election special recognition was bestowed upon Mrs. Lucille Puryear, Executive Director of U.C.C., C. Willard Heckel, Francis Quilan, David Barret, Charles E. Bourne, and I. Jackson Angell, all former officers of U.C.C. There were also awards for outstanding service to the community presented to Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, William Brown, Assistant Superintendent of schools, Robert Moran, manager of Celanese Plastics and Wilbur McNeil.

U.C.C. is an organization that is interested in the people and services the community in employment and other areas of community action. Get involved with them!!!

In order to become a voting member of the corporation one must be registered 30 days before the annual meeting.

If you desire further information contact Mrs. Lucille Puryear, Executive Director, 449 Central Avenue or call 484-8820.

Millie Sharpe  
central ward

## EXCERPTS

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### housing;

Environmentally attractive streets and neighborhoods; Judicious and effective public safety and crime prevention; full employment and vocational training; Improved and expanded relations with other levels of government (County, State, Federal); Strengthened and expanded local economy and the improvement of the physical condition of our city through planned growth and development; Strict adherence to up-dated management and accountability procedures related to all activities and funds directly controlled by City Government; Acceptable expeditious and equitable conclusions in all employer - employee relations matters; More effective and open lines of communication with the public; Reduction and hopeful elimination of divisions in attitude and purpose within our city; And the elimination of our dependence on the property tax as the major source of revenue for our budgetary needs...

### EDUCATION PRIORITY

In a City where many youngsters cannot read, I maintain that the improvement of public education is of highest priority to the City of Newark. Although the Office of Mayor has no direct authority over the Public Educational System, I have and will continue to bring the concerns of the citizenry to those officials and employees charged with this responsibility.

Through the efforts of the Mayor's Education Task Force, for the first time in the history of the City, an analysis of the reading, mathematics and study skills tests administered city-wide, has been shared with the public. Parents, teachers, administrators and the Board of Education have been

alerted to the state of education in Newark and have begun to seriously address themselves to the process of providing students with the basic academic skills necessary to future success.

It is clear that the public education system of Newark suffers from those problems related to the plight of cities in general, the dilemmas of public institutions everywhere and the unanswered questions concerning education itself. The problems affecting and inherent to the public education system of Newark are as diverse as they are severe. The City has begun to take those next steps by moving toward the utilization of all the resources available. I look forward to greater cooperation between the City and the Board of Education to achieve those goals.

### ACTION NOW

So that City government doesn't get in the way of giving service to the people, Action Now begins its third action year next month after creation by this administration in July, 1971. Its mission of making government responsive to the people by rapid referral of citizen inquiries to proper municipal officials has been well received by the public. During the past year, action now continued to process on the average of 7,250 citizen inquiries per month. This large volume of citizen input clearly demonstrates that the public has an open-line to City Hall.

### POLICE PROGRESS

More important, the crime rate is continuing to decrease. The Newark Police Department is doing its job better. During 1972, crime in Newark was reduced by 10.2%. This decrease is three times greater than the 3% decrease recorded nation-wide.

Better lighting is a major crime deterrent. New sodium vapor lighting will be installed along the entire length of

broad street, market street, ferry street and raymond boulevard. The combination of improved lighting with increased police motor and foot patrols will provide a much safer environment for our citizens.

An expanded housing police force, increased patrols in housing projects, and new lighting and security devices are being funded through the high impact anti-crime program, and these special programs are being coordinated closely with volunteer security services which are carried out by residents themselves. Although housing projects present very difficult policing problems, I believe this comprehensive program will produce visible results within a very short time.

### BEST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Newark's Fire Department is now acknowledged as one of the best in the nation. Departmental capabilities have been improved even more by the acquisition of ten new fire engine pumps. An 85' snorkel truck and our aerial ladder trucks. Five additional pumps, another ladder truck and a new rescue squad vehicle are now being built, and an unprecedented twelve year apparatus replacement program implemented by the Department is considered the county's best.

There were 1,700 fewer fires in Newark this past year than during the year before, and most important of all the number of deaths from fires has dropped from 52 to 41.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Within our environmental efforts and in conjunction with efforts to create a healthier environment, urban beautification programs also added improvements to neighborhood physical conditions. Under this program, 826 garbage receptacles were distributed throughout the city. The

program is now preparing to deal with shade tree, planting and additional mini-parks. Furthermore, the City is preparing to acquire additional land under a \$6 Million dollar open space grant from the state and federal governments which will double the present acreage of city-owned parks...

### HOUSING

Although the future is uncertain because of the housing moratorium; since I announced the project rehab program two years ago, 456 dwelling units have been completed and another 342 are presently being processed. Federal officials have justly called this city's rehab program one of the best in the nation. A 183 unit townhouse complex sponsored by the Clinton Hill area redevelopment corporation is under construction on three sites in an urban renewal project.

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

By now it is no secret that the Gibson Administration has forged ahead in hinging new and extensive federal funds and support to the City of Newark. We will continue regardless of the constraints to seek our rightful return of federal tax dollars to the City of Newark.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

To the extent we are able, exceptionally close monitoring of our spending and management of government will aid us in dealing with the constraints this Administration has been forced to deal with because of past neglect and insufficient resources. The ongoing obligation of keeping our own house in order is of paramount importance if we are to deal effectively with other levels of government.

Too much energy and effort has gone into preventing our City from once again sliding backwards. I will not allow the confidence and trust you have placed in me to be compromised or defaulted.

# Third Annual Mayor's Picnic

sponsored by

**The Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Ass'n**

at



**SUN TAN LAKE**



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**Riverdale, New Jersey**

**Sunday September 9th 1973 10am-6pm**



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